

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 09/822,310

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-47 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-28 and 36-47 are allowed. Claims 29-31, 34 and 35 presently stand rejected. Claims 32 and 33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.


In order to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicants are hereby canceling rejected claims 29-31, 34 and 35, and rewriting claims 32 and 33 into independent form. Entry of the after Final Amendment is hereby requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims **1-3, 5-28, 32, 33 and 36-47**, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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